

## FISCAL NOTE

### SB 195 - HB 350

March 21, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases the time in which college entrance is required for entering freshmen seeking HOPE scholarships or HOPE access grants from by the fall semester after completing high school to within 24 months after completing high school. Provides that no retroactive award of a Hope Scholarship, General Assembly Merit Scholarship, or Tennessee HOPE access grant shall be made under provisions of this bill.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

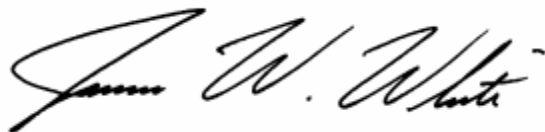
**Other Fiscal Impact – Increases the expenditure of lottery proceeds earmarked for scholarships and grants. Such increase cannot reasonably be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.**

#### Assumptions:

- Since only an estimated 65% of those students eligible for the lottery scholarship enrolled in year one, there is the potential that some of the remaining students who did not enroll in year one, would choose to enroll in 2006.
- This bill would enable eligible students to enter a higher education institution at any time during the 24-month period after graduation. Therefore, the number of students who would enroll at any given time cannot be determined. While all students are included in the original long range projections, the entrance delay may cause short term spikes in the program on a year to year basis.
- The impact of providing a 24-month enrollment extension to high school graduates cannot reasonably be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director